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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

15 Mail Stop Amendment
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Section 1. Introduction and Request for Telephone Interview:

In response to the first, non-final first Office Action dated Sept 17, 2004, currently due on December 17, 2004, Applicant submits the following Response. No fee is required as there are no new claims and this response is filed within the 3-month period. In the event a fee is required,
 25 please charge Deposit Account 04-1699.

Applicant requests the courtesy of a Telephone Interview between the Examiner and the undersigned counsel upon the Examiner reaching this Response and before final action in order to discuss any open issues in order to move this case to allowance. In particular, the Interview can insure the Examiner understands the significant difference in the nature, use and orthogonal alternatives of the orienting member for sequential bending operations. It will permit discussion of such clarifying amendments as may be needed to place the case into condition for allowance.
 30 Applicants' counsel can be reached at 360-681-7305 to arrange a mutually convenient time for the interview.

End of Section 1. Introduction.